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TAGS: PFOR, TC, KS

SUBJ: KOREAN ISSUE AT UN

1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI OCTOBER 14 WITH MAIN PURPOSE OF STRESSING IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO KOREAN ISSUE AT UNGA, AND URGING RECONSIDERATION OF STANDARD UAE POSITION OF ABSTAINING ON ALL VOTES. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LED TO INSTINCTIVE UAE DESIRE NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN ISSUE THAT SEEMED FAR AWAY, BUT I THOUGHT ISSUE WAS CLOSER TO HOME THAN UAEG MIGHT SUPPOSE. I REMINDED HIM THAT I HAD SPOKEN WITH HIM EARLIER IN SUMMER ABOUT DISTURBING TREND TOWARD IRRESPONSIBILITY ON PART OF MANY UN MEMBERS. I SAID IF MANY SMALL STATES TOOK EASY ROUTE OF ABSTAINING ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IT WOULD PLAY INTO HANDS OF COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, AND EVENTUALLY LEAD TO DISCREDITING OF UN. I SAID IT WAS SMALL STATES RATHER THAN BIG POWERS THAT HAD GREATEST STAKE IN MAINTAINING UN AS EFFECTIVE FORUM BOTH FOR AMELIORATION OF REGIONAL POLITICAL TENSIONS AS WELL AS ATTACK ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

2. I REVIEWED CONTENTS OF TWO OPPOSING RESOLUTIONS, POINTING OUT THAT  
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US OBJECTIVE, AS REFLECTED IN RESOLUTION WE CO-SPONSORING, WAS TO

PRESERVE ARMISTICE WHILE TWO KOREAS THEMSELVES CONTINUED DIALOGUE DESIGNED TO WORK OUT MORE FUNDAMENTAL RESOLUTION OF TENSIONS. I SAID THIS ONLY SENSIBLE WAY TO PROCEED, AND THAT COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED RESOLUTION, IN SEEKING TO EXCLUDE ROK WHICH OBVIOUSLY PRINCIPAL PARTY TO CONFLICT, COULD ONLY SET BACK ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE. I EXPLAINED IMMEDIATE PROCEDURAL PROBLEM AND URGED THAT UAEG EXAMINE ISSUE AND TAKE POSITION THAT DID NOT ALLOW UN PROCEDURES TO BE MANIPULATED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

3. SUWAIDI SAID HE WAS FRANK TO ADMIT HE HAD BEEN SO BUSY ON INTERNAL PROBLEMS RECENTLY THAT HE HAD NOT PAID SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO ISSUES AT UN THIS SESSION. HE MADE NO COMMITMENT, BUT SAID HE WOULD "SEE WHAT WE CAN DO." HE SUGGESTED THAT HE, HIS DEPUTY SAIF GHUBBASH AND MYSELF MEET LATER IN WEEK TO GO OVER ISSUE IN DETAIL.

4. WHILE GETTING UAE TO CHANGE ITS VOTE FROM ABSTENTION MUST STILL BE RATED AS LONG-SHOT PROSPECT, WE WILL KEEP PLUGGING AWAY. I WILL TRY TO HOLD FOREIGN MINISTER TO HIS PROMISE FOR MEETING IN FEW DAYS TIME, ALTHOUGH HE IS SO HARRASSED IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PIN HIM DOWN. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE WHO SAYS (IN SPITE OF FACT HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO) THAT HE WILL REINFORCE MY APPROACH IF HE CAN SEE FOREIGN MINISTER NEXT FEW DAYS. IN MEANTIME, I THINK IT WOULD ALSO BE GOOD IDEA, ASSUMING THAT FRENCH HAVE NOW JOINED CARAVAN, FOR FRENCH TO WEIGH IN WITH UAEG. THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE HERE AS RESULT THEIR PRO-ARAB STAND ON MIDDLE EAST. AGAIN, TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT SHOULD BE DONE HERE IN ABU DHABI RATHER THAN NEW YORK.

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